work in all the Andamans. From the nature of its construction, one could easily infer, that it was erected with the double purpose of a prison and a fort.

According to the usual practice transported prisoners from India had to be kept in the above jail, for a period not exceeding six months, or one year at most, under observation. On expiry of that term, they were sent away to different stations within the settlement to work there, under convict supervision. There were wooden barracks erected all over the islands, where they were lodged at night. What made the authorities change their course in our case, God alone knows ; they seemed to look upon us with worse suspicion than that with which one would look upon a **murderer or a dacoit," nay even a tiger or a wolf. It was therefore it seems that they kept us confined in jail *'until further orders" which proved something like two years and a half in our case. Not only this, they made us do the very worst kind of hard labour they had in store for a convict prisoner there;

beginning with coir pounding and ending in the oil mills.

Apart from the hand oil-mills, that we